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1. The 13* Army Group of the 4 Field Army, formerly stationed in Kwangsi with headquarters at Nanning, comprised three armies: The 49 Army, which moved its headquarters from Kueilin to Liuchou in May 1950; one army,*** which occupied the area of the Tso and Yu Rivers (107 - 22 to 107 - 23); one army, probably the 48 Army, with its headquarters at Kueih sien (109-40, 23-02), which garrisoned the West River roughly from Kueih sien east to Tchow.
2. One division, probably the 157*** Division, was stationed at Yunghsien (109-10, 25-02). The 148 Division was stationed north of Liuchou. The Port Arthur Column and the 41 Column (which together equalled one division) were stationed at Lungchou (106-56, 22-22). The Tso River Column comprised three regiments: The 75 Regiment at Lungchou, the 76 Regiment at Chinghsi and the 74 Regiment at Leiping (106-59, 22-37), Yangli (107-23, 22-48) and Lungming (107-07, 22-57). The following troops of the Railway Army Group guarded the Hunan-Kwangsi Railroad: The 133 Regiment at Chuanchou (? 110-57, 26-59), the 134 Regiment at Luchai (109-38, 24-32) and 2,000 men at Kueilin.
3. Near the end of August 1950 the 47 Army moved from its positions in Kwangsi to the Wuhan area. The other two armies probably also moved, because over 100,000 men of the 4 Field Army moved out of Kwangsi to the north. They were replaced by troops of the 2 Field Army, probably those under CHEN Keng.
4. In September 1950 Chinese Communist troops along the Indochina-Kwangsi border totaled about two divisions with the main strength at Lungchou and 20,000 troops concentrated at Henghsien (109-20, 22-38).****

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that this designation is erroneous and should be the 15 Army Group which, according to information available to this office, comprises the 47, 48 and 49 Armies. The 13 Army Group, previously reported in Manchuria, comprises the 41, 42 and 43 Armies.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. This probably refers to the 47 Army.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that this designation is erroneous and should be the 147 Division, which is under the 49 Army. The 157 Division is under the 53 Army.

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear if the 20,000 troops are in addition to the two divisions.

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[REDACTED] Comment. This is believed to be a more correct account of Chinese Communist order of battle in Kwangsi than that given [REDACTED] primarily because the date of information [REDACTED] is believed to be in error.

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